



June 14, 2023

Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Motion/Request to Modify/Amend a Decision Under A.R.S 40-252 - Docket# L-00000B-21-0393-00197

Dear Chairman O'Connor and Commissioners:

The Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry writes to extend its strong support for Salt River Project's (SRP) revised expansion project at the Coolidge Generating Station for the addition of 12 new natural gas turbine units. The revised proposal for the Coolidge Expansion Project reflects a settlement agreement with the Randolph community to meet previous concerns raised, including reduction to the size of the expansion, movement of the expansion location, and providing significant new community investments to the Randolph community.

The Chamber believes that Arizona's ability to meet the energy demands of job creators is an essential part of the state's overall economic development strategy. We are fortunate that leaders like SRP are meeting industry demands with solutions that not only ensure the affordable delivery of reliable power but are also doing so in an environmentally responsible way that helps wean us off carbon-intensive sources. SRP maintains its commitment that nearly half of all the retail energy it delivers will come from zero-carbon sources within the next four years.

The Chamber is pleased that the Coolidge Expansion Project will also be conducted in a manner that underscores SRP's long history of wise water stewardship. The Coolidge Generating Station will use only Central Arizona Project surface water that SRP previously stored underground and will not rely on groundwater.

As you all know, states across the West have recently grappled with inconsistent power delivery to customers, resulting in brownouts and outages, sometimes for a sustained period and with devastating consequences. The infrastructure modernization brought forth by the revised Coolidge Expansion Project will help ensure Arizona does not suffer a similar fate.

The Chamber supports an Arizona energy portfolio that includes solar and wind power generation, and we are excited by the potential of large-scale battery storage, but the state requires energy sources that can be counted on when the sun's not shining and the wind's not blowing. Natural gas and the Coolidge Expansion Project are crucial in achieving that goal.

We urge the Commission to support this settlement agreement and approve the amended certificate for environmental compatibility for the revised expansion at Coolidge Generating Station. The revised proposal is environmentally responsible, meets the needs of Arizona's growing economy,



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prepares us for our anticipated job growth, ensures predictability for electricity customers, and provides significant investments to the Randolph community.

We thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide any additional insight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Seiden".

Danny Seiden  
President & CEO